KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) All the schools affiliated to Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) have already implemented three Language Formula which includes the study of Hindi, English and a modern Indian language, preferably one of the southern languages in the Hindi speaking States and of the regional language, Hindi and English in the non-Hindi speaking States.

Sexual exploitation of women and children

†1804. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to check the flesh trade and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) State-wise number of women and children provided justice under this plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children which was formulated in 1998 has outlined a multi-sectoral strategy for the prevention, rescue and rehabilitation of the victims of prostitution; and prescribed detailed action points to be taken by different Ministries and Departments in Governments of India, State Governments, NGOs and other Stake holders. It has also highlighted the importance of mainstreaming the various initiatives of Government and its agencies, so that the existing programmes and schemes can be focused to meet the specialized needs of victims of prostitution.

(c) The problem is mainly confined to metropolitan cities and other urban centres. As per reports received from the State Governments, a total number of 40,494 women & girls (which includes rehabilitated Devdasis also) were rescued and rehabilitated during the last three years out of which 16,624 belong to Andhra Pradesh, 13,276 Maharashtra, 10,157 Tamil Nadu, 350 Delhi, 70 Bihar and 17 West Bengal.

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